

TRINITY BELLS

MARCH 2019

My Dear Trinitarians,

I am so grateful for this place, and for our life together. If I'm telling the truth, sometimes when it's been a hard week, or there's a knotty challenge to solve, I can feel a bit like giving up just for the moment or not showing up myself. (There's a cartoon of a person whining to their mother from the other room-'I don't want to go, I'm tired, can't I just stay home this once?' The mother replies, 'You have to go, you're the priest!'). I don't know about you, but on the occasions I don't 'feel like it,' and I kind of drag myself in the door—something incredible happens. I walk



in and see Sarane setting up the hymn board and Mary Ellen or Jeanne or some other altar guild member setting up, I hear beautiful sounds as the choir warms up, visitors wander in looking hopeful, one of our children runs up for a hug or to tug at my sleeve—and I know why I am alive! I am reconnected not only to the calling of my life, I am turned around, metaphorically speaking, to face God, the source and destiny. That is true gratitude, to be reminded and aware that without God I am nothing and can do nothing, and this place has held me for over 15 years and generations of Roslyn and North Shore residents for 150 years! 2019 is the 150th anniversary of Trinity being a parish!

It seems to me this pattern repeats and overlaps throughout our lives. It is the underlying structure of our spiritual journey. The journey from Lent into Holy Week and Easter and beyond is another way that we live out this pattern. Resurrection life, Easter, is real, mysterious, surprising, and the purest gift that ever was. This is not an automatic thing, or the nature things that we celebrate like the seasons. It is the gift of the God of Love, and it is a gift for the whole world. It is life and hope where there should be no life or hope. We come together as the church so that we can grow and be fortified to go out and share this gift of Love with the whole world.

Always, and especially when the world can seem so without hope, we must "practice" our faith—through worship and life together, by private prayer and reading of scripture, study and meditation. Elsewhere in this issue you will find some book recommendations for Lent, and we will be working together on "The Way of Love" from our beloved Presiding Bishop. On April 2 we are planning a conversation about Anti-Semitism with Temple Beth Shalom (details TBA). Also, as has been the practice, those who want to make an appointment with me to talk about their spiritual life, where they are and next steps, are welcome to do so!

I am also so grateful for the ways we do carry the Love of Christ into the world. We do an awful lot for a "small" group—our Outreach has placed over 10,000 free books in Laundromats in this area with a small message of invitation and blessing, we have raised scholarship funds for Camp DeWolf for decades (including at Advent 2018), our Childcare Center is growing, and through our attentiveness to the need in the community, will now be able to provide 18 very needed spots for infants. This is practicing the way of love and the fruits of the Spirit through all of our spiritual practices.

May we all be blessed with the gift of a Holy Lent and joyous Easter life!

With Love to You in Christ,



LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Ash Wednesday (March 6)- 7:00 pm (one service)

Palm Sunday (April 14) - 10:00 (one service)

Maundy Thursday (April 18) – Potluck Soup Supper at 6:30 pm
followed by liturgy at 7:00 pm

Good Friday (April 19) - 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm services

Easter Sunday (April 21) - 10:00 am (one service)

Please come and join us for one or more of these special services

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 10 IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO DONATE EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**

Lenten Reading Suggestions from Margo

Becky Eldredge, Busy Lives & Restless Souls: How Prayer Can Help You Find the Missing Pieces in Your Life. Loyola Press, Chicago. 2017.

Amy-Jill Levine, The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus. HarperOne, 2007.

****Mary Bea Sullivan, Living the Way of Love. Church Publishing. 2019

Rowan Williams, Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another. New Seeds, Boston. 2005

****This book is a companion to “The Way of Love” - copies will be available at church

OUTREACH 2018

We continued our long standing service of providing Laundromats with children's books- 10,000 to date!

Throughout the year food donations were brought to LICC.

Meals were provided for parishioners and non parishioners.

Kept in touch with folks far and near with cards and visits.

Sent cards, made visits to those ill at home, in hospital and nursing homes.

Gifts were brought to the homebound at Easter and Christmas.

June 19th was Baby Shower Sunday. We collected diapers, wipes, formula and other baby items for LICC.

August was our Back to School drive. We collected school supplies for the Episcopal Diocese school drive.

We collected toys for Diocesan Convention.

Our annual holiday toy drive benefited the Rural and Migrant Ministries of Riverhead.

We partnered with Episcopal Health services in the Adopt A Family effort. Through everyone's generosity we provided an abundance of gifts for the family of 3, soon to be 4. On the families wish list were towels, sheets, comforters, coats, boots and a stroller. We were able to grant their special wishes and provide many extras.

Our Christmas Boutique raised nearly \$,1200 dollars to provide scholarships to Camp DeWolfe. This year we added a Silent Auction and Bill Holzkamp Woodworks.



Unsold items were donated to the Glen Cove Senior Center for their Rose Shoppe and to the Junior League of Long Island in Roslyn.

I would like to end with a quote from the Dalai Lama: "Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving kindness."

Alexis Alexander



John Platt is excited to announce the return of his Sunday Supper program from hiatus. Starting March 10, it airs from 5-6 pm on WFUV (90.7/wfuv.org). Individual programs can be streamed in the archives for two weeks.

In other news, he's incorporated as a not-for-profit **New Folk Initiative**. He's launching a website to be a platform for his larger involvement in the folk world (playlists and links for Sunday Supper, concert calendar, archival interviews, On Your Radar, blog posts, and eventually podcasts). It's currently under construction (www.newfolk.org), but you can get a sneak peek and reach him at john@newfolk.org.

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Harry Clark with Rob Alexander at
St. Boniface, Sea Cliff, CYO



Bell ringing at Christmas service



Children's choir, Epiphany



New resident Girl Scout troop at Trinity



Baptism of Emmett James Spillane



Baby Emmett with proud parents
Bridget & Amanda Spillane

BURNING BOOKS



Our next selection will be *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles, whose more recent novel, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, was a popular choice last year. Set in 1938, it involves two young working girls in New York City and their relationship with a wealthy bachelor and his circle of friends. It is somewhat reminiscent of *The Great Gatsby*. We will meet at the Platts (20 Salem Way, Glen Head) on Tuesday, March 19.

Following that will be *Killers of the Flower Moon*, a non-fiction book by David Grann (subtitled *The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*) in early May- date and place TBD.

John Platt

MUSIC NOTES

The Trinity choir has been spending the winter exploring various repertoire that spans the centuries from the renaissance to present day contemporary liturgical compositions. After a successful Christmas season with Lessons and Carols, and a festive Christmas Eve concert and service, the choir is looking forward to Lent and Easter with an eye to maintaining the emphasis on stylistic variety.

The intimacy of Sunday services in the choir room has afforded the congregation and the choir the opportunity to connect up close in song and in worship. And the choir has enjoyed making music with the beautiful Kawai grand piano that lives in the choir room!

The Trinity Adult Choir is always looking to welcome new members and we encourage all who are interested to join us for a Wednesday evening rehearsal at 8pm in the choir room. No experience necessary - just a love of music and friendship.

The children's choir has been working hard preparing a special piece for Easter in two vocal parts with a special part written for the clarinet. They have been enjoying the challenge of singing in two parts and being accompanied by one of their own on the clarinet.

And the Children's Choir (aka Trinity Kids) always welcomes new members as well. Please join us in the choir room following the 10am Sunday service. We would love to have your child sing with us. Again, no experience necessary - just a love of music and fun!

He/she who sings prays twice!

Leslie Waltzer



Kathy Mendall, Sheila Platt, Bob Seaman, Ariann Forella, Aleta Crawford, Leslie Waltzer, John Platt, Andrew Cordero, Helen Bongort & Ken Bongort
(missing: Barbara Holzkamp, Jim Crawford & Sarane Ross)



TRINITY TRANSITIONS

Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them. . .

Donald Krug
Christopher B. Smithers



As mentioned in Mother Margo's Dear Trinitarians, "our Childcare Center is growing, and through our attentiveness to the need in the community, will now be able to provide 18 very needed spots for infants."



Director Jaine Verma was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 3 and will have a full report in the next issue of Trinity Bells. Stay tuned!



Meanwhile, Margo continues to be wholly involved in the Childcare Center and it seems to agree with her!



TRINITY TOY DRIVE

We delivered approximately 60 toys, books, hats and mittens to Rural and Migrant Ministries in Riverhead. They are located on the grounds of St David's Episcopal Day School and have the use of the former Grace Episcopal Church.

The buildings allow them to have a home base to reach out to the community with various educational, political and social functions.

Parents donated \$1.00 for each gift chosen and 100% of the proceeds were invested back into the outreach programs sponsored by RMM.

Parents were able to wrap their gifts and attend an afternoon Christmas party hosted by RMM in the parish hall.

Many thanks from Trinity's Outreach Committee



WARDEN'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

As 2018 seems like a distant memory and we approach the Lenten Season, we can be grateful for the many blessings we have at Trinity Church- a new church floor, a vibrant choir, a growing Childcare Center, a faithful and caring rector and new vestry members to work with. The vestry will be holding its first meeting of 2019 on Feb. 24th. Our priorities continue to be Sunday School and Outreach programs, the Childcare Center, needed repairs around the parish and other areas as needed. Please feel free to give us your thoughts and recommendations. We will keep you updated as often as possible.

As Wardens, we are thankful for the dedicated staff of Trinity Church, without which, this church family could not operate effectively. We are also indebted to the volunteers, people who have come together to give countless hours of service to carry forward our mission.

As we reflect on these blessings, we are reminded of the necessity of continued stewardship. The gifts of time, talent, and treasure enable us to serve not only the needs of our congregation, but the community at large as well. As the year begins, we must come together to plan and administer our budget to continue our mission and to operate the Church successfully and prudently for the upcoming year. Dedicated participation from our members is the key to the fulfillment of our ministries.

If you are not active in parish life, we ask that you please consider joining a parish organization or volunteering your time or talents. If you currently do not pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. If you already pledge, please carefully and prayerfully consider if you can afford more. Every pledge is gratefully received, and every dollar is carefully spent.

Your Wardens,

Liz Kaye & Alexis Alexander

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Dear Episcopalians:

This is an open letter to my beloved fellow Episcopalians... With all the love I have, I challenge you to look at your churches through the eyes and ears of non-Episcopalians.



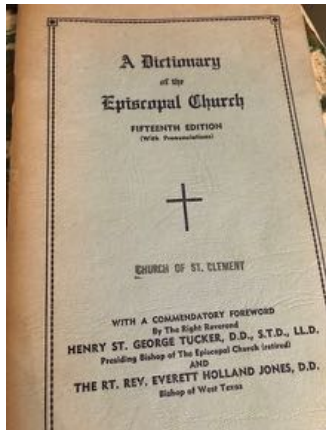
In my ministry of welcome, I have the opportunity to see the Episcopal Church through the eyes of people who have never set foot in our churches. When we ask visitors, "Are you familiar with Episcopal worship?" we genuinely want to know so that we can help them worship. As I sit with guests and give them the backstage tour, I am worshiping through their experience. There are many aspects of our worship that are mysterious to the outsider. And that is the point: what we do and say makes many feel like outsiders, that they don't belong here. I trust that's not your intent, but it's true.

I explain that worship follows a rhythm: scripture, sermon, prayers in the first half and then communion in the second half (and I explain what communion is). I explain that we read the Gospel among the people, facing the door, to remind us to take the Gospel out into the world. I explain the passing of the peace is a symbolic reconciliation of one to another before we come to the Table together. I explain that we stand or kneel to pray because that is an active posture but do whatever you helps you worship. You get the idea. These things are generally received with gratitude and wonder.

I also explain all the insider language that is thrown about like it's common knowledge. Fellow Anglicans, most people don't know what vestry, narthex, DOK, EYC, Diocesan Council, Shrove Tuesday, Lent, Sr. Warden, or pledging means. They don't.

Since I help people all over the country return to Christian community after church wounding experiences, I get to hear their reactions to churches I recommend they visit. I refer to Episcopal churches as well as other denominations. Their feedback informs my ministry in critical ways. I have sat on the

phone with people as they have looked at Episcopal websites and asked, "What is Rite I? What is Holy Eucharist? I don't know what they are talking about." **They literally do not understand our language and when people are confused, they aren't drawn to our communities.** (The book pictured here is 85 pages.)



Most of the time, when people visit our churches and don't come back, we never know why. I get to hear all that feedback. Even with my prepping them, they still get confused. One family left in the middle of the service because at the passing of the peace, they literally thought it was over because it was such a break in the liturgy. They tell me that they don't feel comfortable in a church where all the children's materials pictured exclusively white children when they foster children of all colors. They don't know what Seafarer's Boxes are. They don't know why we cross ourselves. They are concerned about a senior warden, since that sounds like judgement and enforcement. Some churches have adopted the more accurate term, senior steward. Still not super clear but less scary than warden.

I challenge you to look at all your language and practices and see them from the eyes of someone who knows nothing about your home church nor the Episcopal Church. If your "Who We Are" tab on your website starts out with, "In 1957, ..." please consider putting that under a tab called History and do some discernment about who you really are today and tell that story on the Who We Are tab. Describe your worship experience in terms that anyone can understand. Look for all the insider language and get rid of it or define it. Tell a story of who you serve – the difference your church makes in the world.

When you make announcements, provide brief explanations. Vestry - our leadership board. EYC - Episcopal Youth Community. Narthex - welcoming area. Explain events and their purpose even if you "do it every year." It takes almost no time. And for goodness sake, stop saying *cradle Episcopalian*. It hardly gets more exclusive than that. Are you a club or a church?

Molly Wills Carnes

About Me

Evangelist: one who shares the Gospel of Jesus through personal witness. That's me. I live in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and left a 25-year corporate career in 2014, discerned a call to lay ministry and now consider myself a "spiritual bartender." My ministry is marked by a deep empathy for those wounded by their church experience as I help seekers across the U.S. return to safe and affirming Christian community. I led an evangelism ministry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cypress, Texas guided by a passionate commitment to the Episcopal Baptismal Covenant and the Great Commission. Each month I convene a lively gathering of welcome leaders in the Houston area and I am a Certified Facilitator for Invite Welcome Connect®, a ministry of the Beecken Center at University of the South at Sewanee. Wife, mother, actor, writer, and advocate are other roles I claim with joy. For information about evangelism coaching, church finder services and more, visit www.mollywillscarnes.com.

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Wishing all a very joyous Easter!